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25X1A. informant observed at Riga-Spilve airfield (N 56-59, E 24-04) a wide concrete runway extending approximately parallel to the Daugava River with several large hangars at the southern end of this runway. Air activity observed over the airfield involved the following three aircraft types:

- a. Jet aircraft with sharply swept-back wings and high rudder assembly flew individually or in V-formation of threes during the daytime. Formation flying was performed with great accuracy.
- b. Four four-engine transport aircraft landed at the field at considerable intervals. No take-offs of these aircraft were observed by informant.
- c. One conventional aircraft, apparently with fixed landing gear, practiced take-offs and landings.

2. On 12-13 October, another informant determined that Riga-Spilve airfield is about 3 km from north to south and 2 km from east to west. A runway, at least 2 km long, in the eastern section of the field, runs parallel to the Daugava River. A number of silver aircraft, apparently multi-engine, were parked in front of several large hangars in the southwestern section of the field. Five aircraft with swept-back wings were parked between the river bank and the runway, facing the runway. Their tail units were about seven meters high from the ground. No air activity was observed over the airfield or the sea. Bushes along the bank of the river obstructed informant's view of the field.

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